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Johnsons Island

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Dec 16th 1863

Dear Mother

As my coat is very thin infact but
a flannell sack without a bit of lining and torn
at that I have concluded in view of the sutler being sent
away before I could get my coat made to get you to have
me a pea jacket made according to measure & the pantaloons
to match I want the suit to be made of pilot cloth as
it is warmer & more lasting. I wrote you about the drawers
let them be long, flannell, home made, & strong: do not send
but two pair. When you send the provision box do not
address it as your last to Col Pierson but to me care of Col
M. S. Pierson direct to me as was the 1st box & I will have
no trouble. You speak of sending fresh meat you had better
not unless the wether is cool. Do not put yourself to any
expence more than you can help I am always affraid
you will deprive yourself as your condition is lonely & provisions
high & difficult to procure. If you still deal with the Jacksons
tell Lounds Jackson to have my jacket & suit made, for he
will be apt to have it better & stronger made at his own
tailors. Tell I have her ring but am affraid to send it by mail
as my letters are always sent open. The wether is cold & the ground
hard frozen I think the lake will soon be hard frozen and
if so; I fear that our being so many, & crossing will be difficult
sations will be still shorter. But it is all in a lifetime & if
there is a famine we will be likely to have a feast: so says the bible
your devoted son J. C. Lemson

P.S. send me some stamps
& envelopes as I am out